



Larson Report

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Environment

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What are your
thoughts on the
current budget for
2010?

Please call me or
send me an email
with your thoughts.

Dear Neighbor,

Over the last few months, the Hoan Bridge has become the center of a growing debate. Along with other members of the Coalition to Save the Hoan Bridge, I held town hall meetings to hear from constituents. If you have been unable to attend these meetings but would still like your opinion to be heard, please give me a call or send me an email.

My position on the bridge is clear, considering that I, along with Supervisor Pat Jursik, Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, and State Representative Chris Sinicki, formed the "Coalition to Save the Hoan Bridge" earlier this year. I am actively working to make sure that this vital connection to our neighborhoods is repaired and remains in place for the next 40 years.

Last week, the County Board also received our first look at the County Executive's 2010 budget. I am looking into the details of how it will affect the long-term future of our community. I've already heard from many speaking out against the closure of Holler Park pool and will be hosting a news conference Monday to detail our options. I'm also very cautious about a budget that will prevent us from bonding for new construction for 2011 and 2012 in favor of spending all the money next year. There are many budget knots to be untied in the coming weeks. I encourage you to contact me if you have a strong opinion on any County matter.

Thank you,

Chris

If you would like to read the County Board Staff Overview of the County Executive's 2010 Budget proposal click [here](#).

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Bark in the Park, Dog Afternoons, and Please Remember to Leash Your Dog

For the 6th year in a row, Bay View will host the annual [Dog Day Afternoon](#), a celebration of Man's 4-legged best friend. This will be a family friendly event with lots of fun things going on including a dog toy white elephant giveaway.

Here's a schedule for Sunday's activities:

Noon: Meet at Cataldo's Bay View Post, 2860 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

12:30 p.m.: Parade up Kinnickinnic Ave. to Immaculate Conception Church

1 p.m.: Blessing of the Dogs with Father Tom

1:20 p.m.: Pup cups of custard for the dogs from Bella's Fat Cat

1:30 p.m.: March back on Kinnickinnic Ave. to Cataldo's Bay View Post

2 p.m.: Dog Costume Contest

In other great news for dog owners, Milwaukee County Parks will be opening a new dog park in [Warnimont Park](#) near the [Kelly Senior Center](#) in Cudahy. The dog park will be fenced in and include a buffer between the bike path and the dog exercise area.



This dog park should be finished within the next year. A special thanks to all the concerned citizens who provided input for this project.

Fall is finally here, and there is no better time of year to take your four-legged friend for a stroll around one of the many beautiful Milwaukee County Parks. Come to a Milwaukee County park, enjoy the Autumn breeze and changing leaves with man's best friend. And remember to keep your dog leashed. An unleashed dog in an area that isn't designated for that use can create more headaches than it's worth. So please make sure to enjoy Milwaukee County parks with your dog in a responsible way. Remember, if you're looking for an off-leash dog exercise area, you're in luck! One is coming to our area soon. In the meantime you can check [here](#) for more information.

Music Under the Glass – October

Some of Milwaukee's hottest musicians will be giving special concerts, accompanied by beautiful botany and amazing light shows at the Mitchell Park Domes. Every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, October through November, from **6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** you can come and enjoy one of the best shows in town!

For a listing of upcoming shows, click [here](#).

Update on College Avenue Closure

Part of College Avenue recently closed (from Howell Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue) due to a safety plan recently mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The Runway Safety Area includes a 1,000-foot buffer for emergency airplane landing and is being paid for with federal stimulus dollars and grants.

College Avenue is scheduled to re-open on Monday, October 5. Drivers will then use a bypass road that swings around the tunnel construction area along College Avenue. This configuration is scheduled to be in place until May 2010. From May 2010 to December 2010, College Avenue will again be closed between Howell Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue as the County Highway Department reconstructs and adds lanes to College Avenue.

In December 2010, College Avenue will be re-opened, and drivers will again be using the bypass road until the tunnel is complete.

You can see news coverage of it [here](#).

Also...

The College Park-Ride Lot has partially reopened. Both the Milwaukee County Transit System Route 40 (Holt-College Flyer) and 40U (Holt-College UBUS) will operate out of the northeast lot until further notice. The College Park-Ride Lot had been closed completely since May due to construction.

To enter the northeast lot, take 13th Street to College Avenue and look for the signs.

Route 40 will continue to serve the Ryan Road Park-Ride Lot, as it has since March. Service to the Holt Park-Ride Lot will continue to be served by Route 47 (S. 27th St. Flyer).

Every effort has been made to minimize the inconvenience created by these detours. We encourage riders to check the new schedule for their route (times will be different from those currently in place) and look for updates throughout the construction project.

More information on routes and schedules can be found online at RideMCTS.com or by calling the BusLine at 414-344-6711.

The Milwaukee County Transit System operates every day of the week, providing more than 42 million rides each year.

Milwaukee County Parks Fall 2009 Weed-Out Schedule

Volunteers for the annual Fall 2009 Weed-Out are needed to remove invasive weeds from Milwaukee County Parks natural areas. Park People volunteers have been removing invasive weeds from park areas since 1996. This fall, the effort is focused on removing buckthorn, honeysuckle, and aggressive plants that multiply in great numbers, while shading out native wildflowers, shrubs and young trees.

Weed-Out is an excellent community service project for any organization, school group, family or individual concerned about the parks and our environment. Participants should wear gloves, long pants, a long sleeve shirt and sturdy shoes. Sandals and shorts are discouraged.

Individual pre-registration is not required. Please contact The Park People for group participation. For more information visit www.theparkpeople-milwaukee.org or call (414) 273-PARK(7275).

Fall 2009 Weed-Out Schedule:

(All sessions are Saturdays, 9 am to noon unless otherwise specified)

Park:	Address:	Date:
Lake Park.....	Meet at Warming House..... 2975 N. Lake Park Drive	Oct. 10
Sheridan Park...	Meet at the Warnimont Golf Parking lot..... Near Pulaski and Sheridan Drive.	Oct. 10
Lake Park.....	Meet at the warming house..... 2975 N. Lake Park Drive	Oct. 17
Grant Park.....	Meet in the parking lot of picnic area #1..... (near the tennis courts) afternoon session 1-4pm also	Oct. 17
Menomonee River Parkway...	Meet on the west side of MRP.... At Burleigh	Oct. 24
Kletzsch Park.....	Meet at pavilion near the Kletzsch Falls...	Oct. 24
Kletzsch Park.....	Meet at the pavilion near Kletzsch Falls...	Oct 31
Juneau Park.....	Meet near the Juneau Statue.....	Oct 31
Honey Creek Parkway....	Meet at 8024 Brookside, Wauwatosa....	Nov. 7

Greenfield Park.....Meet at the parking lot of picnic areas.....Nov. 7
1 & 5 (off of 116th St.)
Estabrook Park.....Meet in the parking lot across from area 5...Nov. 8
(next to service building by the lagoon)
Grant Park.....Meet in the parking lot of picnic area #1.....Nov. 14
(near the tennis courts)

Register for E-Notify

If you would like to continue receiving e-newsletters from my office, you will need to sign-up for e-notify at <http://www.milwaukee.gov/enotify>. Once you have registered, you can choose what type of information you would like emailed directly to you. This includes news releases, meeting notices, agendas and job notices to name a few. This e-newsletter will be sent out through our email list until the end of summer when it will be going directly through the e-notify program. Feel free to pass this information along to anyone you think might be interested in it. Democracy works best when as much information as possible gets to the people.

If you would like to hear live audio of the board and committee meetings check out the links below:

Live audio of County Board meetings

<http://media.county.milwaukee.gov/room200>

Live audio of Committee meetings in 201-B

<http://media.county.milwaukee.gov/room201b>

Live audio of Committee meetings in 203-R

<http://media.county.milwaukee.gov/room203r>

If you would like to get the Milwaukee County Board Meeting Schedule click [here](#). For the Milwaukee County Committee Meeting Schedule click [here](#).

Did you know?

Milwaukee County's very own Jerome Heer, Director of Audits, was nationally recognized in 2009 for his "Excellence in Government Performance and Accountability". The Government Accountability Office presented the national award to Mr. Heer earlier this year for his continued leadership and expertise in addressing complex, and sometimes sensitive, policy issues in Milwaukee County. Talk about some local talent!!!

October Park Happenings

All Milwaukee County Golf Courses are open at this time

To make a reservation call (414) 475-6222. Milwaukee County Parks has introduced "Fast Paced Fridays" at Oakwood Golf course located at 3600 W. Oakwood Rd. in Franklin. Oakwood is a gold level course and at 7,074 yards is the longest of all 15 county golf courses. Participants will also have a chance to win a pair of Brewers tickets

Weekend foursomes for all golfers playing 18-holes with a cart are \$100 or 9-holes with a cart are \$60 at Currie, Dretzka, Grant, Greenfield, Lincoln, Oakwood, and Whitnall courses. Great discount specials will continue all year for seniors with sunset golf and weekday rates after 2pm.

Bartolotta's Restaurant Group provides a **Sunday Brunch** from 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Boerner Botanical Gardens in Hales Corners year round. For reservations call (414) 525 - 5635.

Enjoy a Friday Night Fish fry in beautiful surroundings every Friday thru Labor Day at the Whitnall, Brown Deer, Grant, and Greenfield Park Golf Courses from 4 - 8p.m. The menu includes: • Baked Cod • Fried Cod - hand-rolled in homemade batter and fried to a crisp golden brown
Included with your Fish Fry • French Fries or Garlic Diced Red Potatoes • Cole Slaw • Marble Rye • Cake Traditional

Cider Sunday at Wehr Nature Center

The Wehr Nature Center, 9701 W. College Avenue, invites the whole family to Cider **Sunday on October 4, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** This is a great way to kick off the fall season and enjoy the beauty of the Wisconsin outdoors.

Visitors will be able to experience cider press demonstrations, savor free fresh cider, hear live music, take a nature hike, and go for a Cake Walk (musical chairs where the winner wins a homemade cake). See how to make apple butter and apple wine. There will be crafts for children and food for purchase.

Admission to Cider Sunday is \$1 per person. Children 2 & under free. Parking is \$3. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of Wehr and assist the needs of the Wehr Nature Center. For more information go to friendsofwehr.org or call the Wehr Nature Center at (414) 425 – 8550.

Humboldt Park Clean Up!

Join Supervisor Larson and other neighbors for a good old-fashioned Park Clean Up! Our parks are a great part of the Milwaukee tradition and our heritage, so it is very important we keep that legacy alive and maintain the beauty of our parks for future generations.

Rock & Rollin' Skate Fest at Red Arrow Park

Red Arrow Park's ***Slice of Ice*** rink, 920 N. Water Street, is introducing three new separate in-line and roller skating activities at the park on October 10th.

"Red Arrow Park will be turned into an outdoor roller skating rink for three nights only this fall, and we're proud to have come up with this creative and unique idea for downtown Milwaukee. Hats off to Milwaukee County Parks for working with us. Bring the family on Saturday for a great night," said OnMilwaukee.com President Jeff Sherman.

Skate rentals will cost only \$2. Skaters may also bring their own roller/inline skates. Each event will take place from 6-10pm. DJs will provide music for the skaters. A variety of food and beverages will be offered. For more information call the Milwaukee County Parks at (414)

257 – 6100.

News Conference Monday on Proposed Pool Closures

Milwaukee County Supervisors Chris Larson, Marina Dimitrijevic, Johnny Thomas, and John F. Weishan, Jr. are hosting a news conference this coming Monday morning, October 5th at 9:30am at Pulaski Pool regarding the future of indoor and outdoor swimming pools in Milwaukee County. The news conference comes on the heels of County Executive Scott Walker's budget proposal, which includes permanently closing the Pulaski and Noyes indoor pools in Milwaukee.

The Supervisors, who will be joined by frequent users of the pools, plan to detail efforts underway to develop a new countywide policy regarding pools in Milwaukee County.

South Shore Clean Up

On Saturday, October 24th, there will be a clean up at South Shore Park. For more details, please contact: southshoreparkwatch@yahoo.com or come to this Thursday's meeting at the pavilion to hear more.

October Neighborhood Group Meetings:

Bay View Neighborhood Association

Contact: Patty Thompson at (414) 403-8003 or (414) 297-9783

bayviewneighborhood@gmail.com

<http://www.bayviewneighborhood.org>

Night Time Trick or Treat!!!

When: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Bay View

Town of Lake Neighborhood Association

Contact: Paul Gessner at (414) 482 – 2261

For information on October Meeting Contact Paul

Oklahoma Gardens Neighborhood Association

No October Meeting

Holt Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Diane Kosarzycki

(414) 645 – 1967 (home) dianekosarzycki@att.net

October Meeting:

When: Thursday, October 22, 6:30 – 8:30p.m.

Where: Wheaton Franciscan Hospital

Tippecanoe Park Watch

Contact: (414) 278 – 4252

No Meeting in October

City Meadows Neighborhood Association

Contact: Cindi Herzog at (414) 817 – 8000

<http://www.Citymeadows.org>

Fall General Meeting:

When: Thursday, October 8, 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Holler Park Lodge

Garden District Neighborhood Association

Contact: Michael Murphy at (414) 364 – 8762

October Meeting:

When: Tuesday, October 20, 6:30p.m.

Where: 1122 W Boden Ct. 2nd Floor Conference Room

Uncas Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Connie Wilson

(414) 759-9009 (cell) or (414) 762 – 6959 (home)

October Meeting:

When: Tuesday, October 20, 6:30p.m.

Where: House of Hamburg, 5937 S Howell Ave.

Airport Gardens Neighborhood Association

Contact: Perry Buck (414) 747 – 2470 (home) or (414) 759 – 1189 (cell)

<http://www.airportgardens.org/index.html>

October Meeting:

When: Water Tower on 6th Street & Howard Ave.

Where: St. Veronica's Congregation – Johnson Hall

South Shore Neighborhood Association

Contact: Chair, Kathy Mulvey at (414) 744 – 0408 or

housamulvey@yahoo.com

October Meeting:

When: Thursday, October 8, 7:00p.m.

Where: South Shore Park Pavilion, 2900 S. Shore Dr.

Holler Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: President, Chris Kuester at (414) 769 – 1815

October Meeting:

When: Monday, October 26, 7:00p.m.

Where: Holler Park Easter Seals Pavilion

Humboldt Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Ruth Simos at (414) 483 – 9330 r.simos@sbcglobal.net

Tree Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th. To volunteer or participate, please contact Ruth.

Supervisor Larson will volunteer from 8am-noon

Supervisor Larson in the District



Supervisor Larson and Supervisor Dimitrijevic at the Bay View Bash